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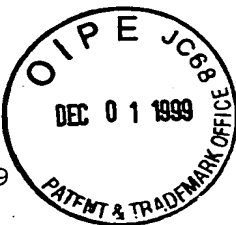
In re application of

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the one-month time limit set forth in the Official Action November 15, 1999. In that Office Action, the Primary Examiner indicated that applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 8, 1999 did not fully comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as there was no explanation of the relevance of **European** document 0 793 957. It was further advanced that the International Search Report in PCT/FR99/00055 did not provide an explanation of the relevance, as it was not linked to the instant application. Applicants were given a one-month time limit to supply the above-mentioned omissions or corrections in the Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants hereby submit the front page of International Publication WO 99/36445 which resulted from the **corresponding** International Application PCT/FR99/00055. A careful review of the International Publication will reveal that it claims priority of the same three French priority

applications claimed in the instant application, namely: FR 98/00464 filed on 16 January 1998; FR 98/01525 filed on 10 February 1998; and FR 98/09999 filed 04 August 1998.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 8, 1999 is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98. Consequently, it is respectfully requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 which only lists European document 0 793 957 be considered and initialled by the Primary Examiner in her next Official Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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